## **CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: 020772** 

ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

## MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

DATE: March 24, 1998

APPLICATION NUMBER: NDA 20-772; Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution

BETWEEN:

Name: Dr. Dayton Reardan, Regulatory Affairs Phone: Dr. Lowell, Borgen, Project Manager

Representing: Orphan Medical, Inc.

AND

Name: Ms. Melodi McNeil, Project Manager

Dr. Eric Duffy, Chemistry Team Leader

Dr. Art Shaw, Chemistry Reviewer

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products, HFD-180

Dr. John Gibbs, Director

Dr. Steve Koepke, Deputy Director

Division of New Drug Chemistry II

'UBJECT: March 16, 1998 Chemistry IR letter

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BACKGROUND: NDA 20-772 was submitted May 6, 1997 by Orphan Medical, Inc. and provides for Sucraid Oral Solution in the treatment of the genetically determined sucrase deficiency, which is part of congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency (CSID). The application was Approvable (AE) November 6, 1997 pending the resolution of (among other things) chemistry, manufacturing, and controls deficiencies.

The firm responded to the AE letter in a December 12, 1997 amendment. In a March 6, 1998 chemistry review of this amendment, a number of information requests were identified. They were grouped into the following categories: 1) information to be provided as soon as possible, 2) information to be provided post-approval, and 3) information to be addressed in order to establish a manufacturing baseline. These requests were transmitted to the firm by FAX in a letter dated March 16, 1998. According to Drs. Shaw, Duffy, Koepke, and Gibbs, none of the items in the letter are approvability issues.

Today's phone call was initiated to learn the firm's time frame for submitting a response.

TODAY'S PHONE CALL: The firm indicated that they are actively engaged in preparing a response to the letter. They estimated that they would be able to submit the response within the next 7-14 days and added that their response would contain a commitment to provide the ruested post-approval information.

Dr. Duffy indicated that inspections of this facility would generally originate from CFSAN but stated the Agency would retain the right to conduct a drug inspection if circumstances warranted. The call was then concluded.

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Melodi McNeil, Project Manager Regulatory Health Project Manager

cc: Original NDA 20-772

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RD Init: EDuffy 3/30/98 Final: March 31, 1998

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF TELECON**

DATE: September 23, 1997

APPLICATION NUMBER: NDA 20-772; Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution

BETWEEN:

Name: Dr. Dayton Reardan, Regulatory Affairs

Phone: (612) 513-6969

Representing: Orphan Medical, Inc.

AND

Name: Melodi McNeil, Project Manager

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products, HFD-180

SUBJECT: Information

BACKGROUND: NDA 20-772 was submitted May 6, 1997 and provides for Sucraid Oral Solution in the treatment of the genetically determined sucrase deficiency, which is part of congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency (CSID).

TODAY'S PHONE CALL: Based on the memo dated September 18, 1997 by Dr. Art Shaw, reviewing chemist, I called the firm and requested information

The firm agreed to provide this information and the call was

concluded.

Note: The firm was informed in an October 29, 1997 telephone conversation that this information could be provided as a Phase IV commitment. They agreed to provide written documentation of their acceptance of the commitment.

Melodi McNeil, Project Manager
Regulatory Health Project Manager

cc: Original NDA 20-772

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October 29, 1997

Lilia Talarico, M.D.

Division of Gastrointestinal & Coagulation Drug Products

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research [HFD-180]

Food and Drug Administration

Division Document Room 6B24

5600 Fishers Lane

Rockville, MD 20857

SUBJECT: NDA 20-772, SUCRAID™ (sacrosidase) ORAL SOLUTION,

SUCRAID.

Dear Dr. Talarico:

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It was communicated to Orphan Medical by phone on September 23, 1997 and in question I.A.10 of the CMC deficiency letter dated September 25, 1997 that FDA would require

Please do not hesitate to call us should you require any additional information on this commitment.

Sincerely yours,

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Dayton Reardan, PhD, RAC

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Direct phone (612) 513-6969

cc: Melodi McNeil, [HFD-180] by FAX (301) 443-9285

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## REQUEST FOR TRADEMARK REVIEW

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To:

Labeling and Nomenclature Committee

Attention:

Dan Boring, Chair (HFD-530), 9201 Corporate Blvd, Room N461

From:	Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Dru	ag Products	HFD-180
	Attention: Melodi McNeil, Project Manager	<b>Phone:</b> (301) 44	3-0483
Date: May 19, 1997			
Subject:			
Proposed	l Trademark: Sucraid	<b>NDA/AND</b> A 20-772	A# NDA
Established name, including dosage form: sacrosidase Oral Liquid			
Other trademarks by the same firm for companion products: N/A			
Indications for Use (may be a summary if proposed statement is lengthy): Treatment of confirmed or suspected congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency (CSID).			
Initial Comments from the submitter (concerns, observations, etc.): Note: the firm's proposed container labeling is included for your convenience; further information is available upon request.			

Note: Meetings of the Committee are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please submit this form at least one week ahead of the meeting. Responses will be as timely as possible.

cc: Original NDA 20-772; HFD-180/division file; HFD-180/M.McNeil; HFD-180/Duffy

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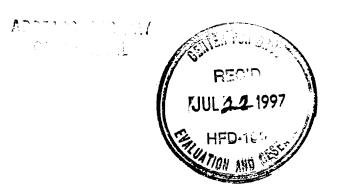
sacrosidase oral solution

The following look alike/sound alike conflicts were noted: sucralfate and Sucrettes. However, the Committee felt there was a low potential for mix-up with the conflicting names. There were no misleading aspects found in the proposed proprietary name.

The Committee has no reason to find the proposed proprietary name unacceptable.

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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

DATE:

September 30, 1997

FROM:

Deputy Director and Acting Director

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug

Products, HFD-180

SUBJECT: Approvable Recommendation for SUCRAID™ (sacrosidase)

oral solution, NDA 20-772

TO:

Acting Director

Office of Drug Evaluation III

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Orphan Medical, Inc. has submitted an NDA for sacrosidase oral solution, an enzyme replacement therapy, for use in the treatment of congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency.

Congenital sucrase-isomaltose deficiency (CSID) is a chronic malabsorption disease characterized by an autosomal recessive pattern of inheritance. Marked deficiency of synthesis of endogenous sucrase by the brush border of the small intestine prevents the hydrolysis of sucrose to glucose and fructose. condition is clinically manifested by severe watery diarrhea and failure to thrive. At present, no enzyme replacement therapy is available for patients with CSID and compliance with a sucrosefree diet is difficult. APPENDENCE !

The efficacy and safety of yeast-derived sacrosidase as replacement therapy were assessed in two controlled clinical trials (studies S-1 and S-2), and in an uncontrolled, long-term (up to 54 months), open-label trial (study S-3). Study S-3 enrolled 34 patients from studies S-1 and S-2 who wanted to continue sucrasidase replacement therapy.

Study S-1 showed inconsistent results of efficacy of sacrosidase on the GI symptoms associated with CSID. On the contrary, study S-2 clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of sacrosidase in treating patients with CSID while consuming a normal sucrosecontaining diet. As indicated by Dr. Hugo Gallo-Torres in the

medical review of the NDA, study S-2 showed effectiveness in a dose-response fashion using primary efficacy parameters (fewer total stools and higher proportion of patients having fewer total symptoms). This conclusion was supported by the analysis of secondary efficacy parameters (significantly more formed stools as well as significantly fewer watery stools). Sacrosidase therapy prevented the expected rise in breath H<sub>2</sub> excretion with sucrose challenge in both studies S-1 and S-2 and prevented the development of GI distress and diarrhea under conditions of sucrose load in study S-2. The efficacy and safety of sacrosidase were also supported by study S-3.

Based on the review of the overall evidence, we recommend that sacrosidase (SUCRAID $^{\text{M}}$  oral solution) be approved as replacement therapy for CSID.

Although, as pointed out by the medical reviewer, information considered sometimes critical was missing for some patients, it must be noted that clinical trials performed in the patient population studied (infants, children, adolescents) are difficult to perform. Thus, whereas we agree with the statistician's analyses, we disagree with the statistician's suggestion that another independent study is needed. Since CSID is not a common disorder, the largest trial consisted of only 28 patients. The drug is an orphan drug intended for use in a limited overall patient population.

The Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation II has granted a waiver of evidence to show in vivo bioavailability or bioequivalence based on the fact that the material 1) is an accepted food product, 2) is a protein degraded by proteases to amino acids that are absorbed into the systemic circulation and 3) is acting locally within the intestinal tract.

The evidence at hand indicates that sacrosidase is safe.

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Lilia Talarico, M.D.

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If yes, NDA # Drug Name	
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IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 3 IS "YES," GO DIRECT BLOCKS ON PAGE 8 (even if a study was required for the up	LY TO THE SIGNATURE

# PART II FIVE-YEAR EXCLUSIVITY FOR NEW CHEMICAL ENTITIES (Answer either #1 or #2, as appropriate)

1.	Single active	ingredient	product.
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Has FDA previously approved under section 505 of the Act any drug product containing the same active moiety as the drug under consideration? Answer "yes" if the active moiety (including other esterified forms, salts, complexes, chelates or clathrates) has been previously approved, but this particular form of the active moiety, e.g., this particular ester or salt (including salts with hydrogen or coordination bonding) or other non-covalent derivative (such as a complex, chelate, or clathrate) has not been approved. Answer "no" if the compound requires metabolic conversion (other than deesterification of an esterified form of the drug) to produce an already approved active moiety.

YES //	NO /_X_/
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IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1 OR 2 UNDER PART II IS "NO," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON PAGE 8. IF "YES," GO TO PART III.

## PART III THREE-YEAR EXCLUSIVITY FOR NDA'S AND SUPPLEMENTS

To qualify for three years of exclusivity, an application or supplement must contain "reports of new clinical investigations (other than bioavailability studies) essential to the approval of the application and conducted or sponsored by the applicant." This section should be completed only if the answer to PART II, Question 1 or 2, was "yes."

1. Does the application contain reports of clinical investigations? (The Agency interprets "clinical investigations" to mean investigations conducted on humans other than bioavailability studies.) If the application contains clinical investigations only by virtue of a right of reference to clinical investigations in another application, answer "yes," then skip to question 3(a). If the answer to 3(a) is "yes" for any investigation referred to in another application, do not complete remainder of summary for that investigation.

YES /\_\_/ NO /\_\_/

## IF "NO," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON PAGE 8.

2. A clinical investigation is "essential to the approval" if the Agency could not have approved the application or supplement without relying on that investigation. Thus, the investigation is not essential to the approval if 1) no clinical investigation is necessary to support the supplement or application in light of previously approved applications (i.e., information other than clinical trials, such as bioavailability data, would be sufficient to provide a basis for approval as an ANDA or 505(b)(2) application because of what is already known about a previously approved product), or 2) there are published reports of studies (other than those conducted or sponsored by the applicant) or other publicly available data that independently would have been sufficient to support approval of the application, without reference to the clinical investigation submitted in the application.

For the purposes of this section, studies comparing two products with the same ingredient(s) are considered to be bioavailability studies.

(a) In light of previously approved applications, is a clinical investigation (either conducted by the applicant or available from some other source, including the published literature) necessary to support approval of the application or supplement?

YES /\_\_/ NO /\_\_/

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effec	the applicant submit a list of published studies relevant to the safety and tiveness of this drug product and a statement that the publicly available data d not independently support approval of the application?
	YES // NO //
(1)	If the answer to 2(b) is "yes," do you personally know of any reason to disagree with the applicant's conclusion? If not applicable, answer NO.
	YES // NO //
If yes	s, explain:
(2)	If the answer to 2(b) is "no," are you aware of published studies not conducted or sponsored by the applicant or other publicly available data that could independently demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of this drug product?
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If yes	s, explain:
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	C)	application or supplement that is essential to the approval (i.e., the investigation listed in #2(c), less any that are not "new"):
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	a)	For each investigation identified in response to question 3(c): if the investigation was carried out under an IND, was the applicant identified on the FDA 1571 as the sponsor?
		Investigation #1 !
		IND # YES //! NO // Explain:
		Investigation #1 !  IND # YES //! NO // Explain:
		Investigation #2 !
		Investigation #2 !  IND # YES / / ! NO / _ / Explain: !
	<u>(</u> b)	For each investigation not carried out under an IND or for which the applicant was not identified as the sponsor, did the applicant certify that it or the applicant's predecessor in interest provided substantial support for the study?
		Investigation #1 !
		YES // Explain ! NO // Explain

	Investigation #2
	YES // Explain ! NO / Explain
(c)	Notwithstanding an answer of "yes" to (a) or (b), are there other reasons to believe that the applicant should not be credited with having "conducted or sponsored" the study? (Purchased studies may not be used as the basis for exclusivity. However, if all rights to the drug are purchased (not just studies on the drug), the applicant
	may be considered to have sponsored or conducted the studies sponsored or conducted by its predecessor in interest.)
	YES // NO //
	If yes, explain:
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Signature Title: You	+ Manager Date
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#### SECTION 13

Food and Drug Administration

RE: NDA 20,722

January 30, 1997

PATENT CERTIFICATION/INFORMATION

There is no applicable patent which claims the use, method of using, or method of manufacturing of Sucraid™ (sacrosidase) oral solution for the treatment of patients with congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency(CSID), as provided for under this NDA 20,722.

Bert Spilker, Ph.D., M.D.

President



#### SECTION 14

Food and Drug Administration

RE: NDA 20,722

January 30, 1997

## PATENT CERTIFICATION/INFORMATION

There is no applicable patent which claims the use, method of using, or method of manufacturing of Sucraid (sacrosidase) oral solution for the treatment of patients with congenital sucraseisomaltase deficiency (CSID), as provided for under this NDA

20,722.

Bert Spilker, Ph.D., M.D.

President



Food and Drug Administration

RE: NDA 20,722

January 30, 1997

## GENERIC DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1992 CERTIFICATION

This information is submitted in accordance with Section 306(k)(1) of the Act [21 U.S.C 335a (k)(1)].

I certify that Orphan Medical, Inc. did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under subsections (a) or (b) [section 306(a) or (b)], in connection with this New Drug Application for Sucraid™ (sacrosidase) oral solution.

Bert Spilker, PM.D., M.D.

President

Orphan Medical, Inc.

Attention: Dayton Reardan, Ph.D.

13911 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305

Dear Dr. Reardan:

Please refer to your new drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated December 12, 1997, regarding, among other things, your phase 4 commitment to study the stability of Sucraid at various pH values, including those likely to be found in the stomach.

We have completed review of your Phase 4 data and conclude that your commitment has been fulfilled.

If you have any questions, please contact Melodi McNeil, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 443-0483.

Sincerely yours,

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Lilia Talarico, M.D.

Director

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug

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Office of Drug Evaluation III

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (PHASE 4 COMMITMENTS)

Orphan Medical, Inc. Attention: Dayton Reardan, Ph.D. 13911 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305

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Dear Dr. Reardan:

Please refer to your pending May 6, 1997 new drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution.

We also refer to your amendment dated December 12, 1997, which contained, among other things, chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information submitted in response to our November 6, 1997 Approvable letter.

We have completed our review of the chemistry, manufacturing, and controls section of your submission and have the following comments and requests: (All volume and page numbers refer to the December 12, 1997 amendment unless otherwise noted.)

- A. Please provide the following information as soon as possible:
  - 1. Regarding the Cleaning and Sanitization of the Drug Substance Manufacturing Equipment:

2. Regarding the Drug Substance Manufacturing Procedure:

## 3. Regarding the reference standard:

- a. Please specify the volume in each vial of reference standard. Also please specify whether the reference standard after use.
- b. Please specify whether the three bottles of drug product are
- c. Please be advised that the specification of not acceptable. If the purity is

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- 4. Regarding the specifications for the drug substance:
  - a. Based upon the data provided in Volume 1.3, Pages 126 and 127,

the

- b. Please explain the breadth of the specification

  This does not correlate with the specific gravity specifications
- 5. Regarding the packaging of the drug substance:
  - a. Please provide the actual name used in the 21 CFR 177.2600 citation which corresponds used for
    - No such listing can be found.
  - b. Please provide information
- 6. Regarding the stability information for the drug substance:

Please provide the data from the stability studies for the bulk drug substance carried out according to the revised protocols submitted in this amendment.

7. Regarding the manufacture of the drug product:

- g. Please provide a revision in the Master Batch Record to include reference to the "Packaging and Labeling Instructions."
- 8. Regarding the expiration date for the drug product:

Please be advised that your request for an expiration date of 24 months is not acceptable. Since the drug product

the expiration date can only be extended for six months past the actual data provided, and an expiration date of 18 months is granted.

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We would appreciate your prompt written response so we can continue our evaluation of your NDA.

If you have any questions, please contact Melodi McNeil, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 443-0483.

Sincerely yours,

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Chemistry Team Leader

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products

Office of Drug Evaluation III

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#### MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

DATE: March 11, 1998

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BETWEEN:

Name: Dayton Reardan, Ph.D.

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**AND** 

Name: Melodi McNeil, Project Manager

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products, HFD-180

SUBJECT: Post-Marketing Surveillance Proposal

BACKGROUND: NDA 20-772 was submitted May 6, 1997 by Orphan Medical, Inc. and provides for Sucraid Oral Solution in the treatment of the genetically determined sucrase deficiency, which is part of congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency (CSID). The application was Approvable (AE) November 6, 1997 pending the resolution of chemistry, manufacturing, and controls and microbiology deficiencies, along with final printed labeling (FPL).

The firm responded to the AE letter in a December 12, 1997 submission. At a January 7, 1998 team meeting Dr. Talarico requested that the firm be asked to provide follow up information on the first 50-100 patients to receive Sucraid post approval, due to the compound's potential to cause an allergic hypersensitivity reaction. On February 17, 1998 the firm submitted their proposal for a post-approval surveillance program (see attachment A). This proposal was consulted to Dr. Diane Wysowski, Epidemiologist (see Epidemiology review of sponsor's proposal, dated March 3, 1998; attachment B).

TODAY'S PHONE CALL: At Dr. Talarico's request, I called the sponsor and informed them that their post-approval surveillance proposal was acceptable as submitted. However, I conveyed the Agency's concern, as expressed in the March 3, 1998 epidemiology review, that although the firm's proposal includes a registry of all patients who will be administered Sucraid, it lacks active follow-up of these patients. At Dr. Talarico's suggestion, I asked the firm to consider the addition of an active follow-up component to their proposal, such as including a postcard with a standard questionnaire to evaluate patient tolerability in each package of the drug product. In response, Dr. Reardan agreed to consider this request, as well as other measures which would ensure active follow-up of all Sucraid patients, and the call was concluded.

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Melodi McNeil Regulatory Health Project Manager

3/26/98

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Attachments:

A. Firm's proposal

B. March 3, 1998 Epidemiology review

cc: Original NDA 20-772 HFD-180/Div. File HFD-180/McNeil HFD-180/Talarico HFD-180/Gallo-Torres HFD-733/Wysowski

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## Attachment A Firm's Proposal

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February 17

Lilia Talarico, M.D. Division of Gastrointestinal & Coagulation Drug Products Center for Drug Evaluation and Research [HFD-180] Food and Drug Administration Division Document Room 6B24 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

SUBJECT:

NDA 20-772, Sucraid $^{\text{TM}}$  (sacrosidase) Oral Solution, Orphan Drug Designation 93-786, Proposed Post-approval surveillance

Dear Dr. Talarico:

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This letter is in response to a request from Melodi McNeil of your division for Orphan Medical to explain our planned post approval surveillance system to ensure that any adverse experiences are appropriately reported to FDA.

Congenital Sucrase-Isomaltase Deficiency (CSID) is a rare disease in the United States. Our market projections currently estimate on the order of 100 to possibly as high as five hundred patients with CSID of severe enough etiology to require replacement enzyme therapy. Dr. William Treem, of whom every physician with one of these patients appears to be aware, has been approached for less than 100 referrals over the last many years. He is currently aware of about 50-60 patients who would immediately make use of Sucraid once it becomes available on the market. Given the nature of CSID, Orphan Medical plans to distribute Sucraid only through a central pharmacy. This means that Sucraid will only be available from

Orphan Medical will be very interested in finding as many patients as possible to keep the costs of this product reasonable for the health care system in the United States.

Each patient is so captured in a patient registry at . If a patient in this system stops ordering Sucraid, or orders less frequently than their dosing regimen dictates, a contact would be made by

Inc. to determine the reason the patient is not compliant. Orphan Medical would therefore be building a database. If a patient is precluded from treatment due to a hypersensitivity reaction, such information would be captured and reported to Orphan Medical.

In addition to the specific program outlined above, Orphan Medical has a professional services group staffed by pharmacists (Pharm.D.). Anyone can call our toll free number to report adverse events, complaints, problems, or ask for advice and assistance. This phone number is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is a key component of our post marketing surveillance for all of our products which have been approved for marketing in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration.

In summary, Orphan Medical believes that given the very small patient population, distribution through a central pharmacy, development of a patient registry, institution of a patient compliance program as well as our contacts with Dr. Treem, other metabolic physician specialists along with our existing postapproval toll free professional services function that we will capture any issues, problems or benefits for patients using Sucraid.

Please feel free to call me should this letter not provide sufficient assurance that Orphan Medical will be actively monitoring the patients who will be benefiting from the commercial availability of Sucraid.

Sincerely yours,

Dayton Reardan, PhD, RAC

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Direct phone (612) 513-6969

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cc: Melodi McNeil, [HFD-180] by FAX (301) 443-9285

# Attachment B March 3, 1998 Epidemiology Review

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

DATE:

March 3, 1998

FROM:

Diane K. Wysowski, Ph.D., Epidemiologist, Division of

Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology, HFD-733

THROUGH:

Ralph Lillie, R.Ph., M.P.H., Acting Director, Division

of Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology, HFD-730

TO:

Lilia Talarico, M.D., Director, Division of

Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products, HFD-180

SUBJECT:

Phase 4 postmarketing study of patients exposed to

Sucraid

On February 27, 1998, I received a request for consultation from Melodi McNeil, Project Manager, HFD-180, asking that I review a postmarketing surveillance proposal for Sucraid. proposal was submitted by Orphan Medical, Inc., the sponsor of Sucraid, in response to a request by Melodi McNeil for a protocol for a phase 4 postmarketing study of hypersensitivity reactions in patients exposed to Sucraid. In a meeting on February 12, 1998, Drs. Lilia Talarico and Hugo Gallo-Torres, Ms. McNeil, and myself discussed the need for, and possible design of, a Phase 4 postmarketing study. We concluded that such a study was probably justified unless the sponsor could provide additional information concerning the asthmatic child who developed severe wheezing after  $\bar{h}$ aving received Sucraid in a clinical trial that would reassure us that the drug was unlikely to be associated with the reaction. We decided that, since the number of patients with congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency for which the drug is indicated is likely to be small, a registry with active follow-up of cases would be a possible mechanism to study the incidence of hypersensitivity reactions in patients administered Sucraid. We acknowledged that a registry with active followup of patients suffered from the lack of a placebo control group so that neither we nor the sponsor would be able to compare the incidence of hypersensitivity reactions in patients with congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency in individuals exposed and not exposed to the drug. However, Drs. Talarico and Gallo-Torres did not believe a clinical trial or extension of the clinical trial was indicated at this time. We also discussed the possibility of screening patients for reaction to injection of yeast prior to administration of Sucraid, but Dr. Talarico pointed out that there might be a high rate of false positives.

The postmarketing surveillance proposal submitted indicates that Sucraid will only be available from which will process prescriptions (apparently submitted by physicians) and ship Sucraid by air mail directly to the patient or the patient's parents. Each patient would then be captured in a patient registry at If a patient stops ordering Sucraid or orders less that his/her prescribed dosing regimen, the patient would be contacted to determine the reason for drug discontinuation or non-compliance. If a patient stops taking the medication due to a hypersensitivity reaction, the information would be reported to Orphan Medical. Also, Orphan Medical has a toll-free telephone number so that adverse events can be phoned in 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

While this proposal includes a registry of patients, no ACTIVE followup of patients would be performed by the company. There are several problems associated with the passive surveillance the sponsor proposes:

- 1) Although the company will be relying on notification of discontinuation of Sucraid for notification of death or other serious reaction, the report may not be timely, especially when large supplies of drug are leftover. For hypersensitivity reactions that occur shortly after drug administration, knowledge of the reaction as soon as possible after the reaction occurs could conceivably result in regulatory action or identification of risk factors (e.g., asthma or allergy to specific allergens) which could prevent others from receiving the drug and developing the reaction.
- 2) If the patient is first administered Sucraid in the doctor's office and experiences a reaction there, the patient would not become part of the registry of patients prescribed the drug unless the doctor reports the administration of the medication and the reaction.
- 3) If the reaction is not serious enough for the patient to seek medical attention (as with the development of a rash) or is believed to be part of an underlying disease (such as wheezing in an asthmatic patient), the patient may not associate the event with the drug and would not report it to the prescribing physician or reporting system.
- 4) With passive reporting systems, information about the patient and the clinical circumstances of the adverse event necessary for an assessment of causality are frequently omitted or not reported in a standardized fashion.

For these reasons, I would recommend that the sponsor set up ACTIVE surveillance of the first 100 persons (at a minimum) prescribed Sucraid. A sample size of 100 would be required to

detect an adverse event occurring in >3% of subjects while a study size of 300 would be required to detect an adverse event occurring in >1% of subjects. Active surveillance could be performed by interviewing the parent (preferably the mother) of the patient prescribed the drug by telephone with a standardized questionnaire after some specified duration of treatment (for timeliness, I would recommend no later than one week) following receipt of the medication. For this, the company would need to notify the family at the time of Sucraid prescription that a representative of the company will be calling to obtain information about how the medication "agrees" with the patient. The company would need to have submitted to them at the time of prescription the name of the parent and phone number(s) at which she/he could be reached.

Alternatively, each prescribing physician could be contacted about each patient, but this would place an undue burden on a few physicians since the drug is not widely prescribed. Also, with this method of followup through physicians, as stated previously, the sponsor would not ascertain events/reactions (such as a rash) which were not brought to the prescribing physician's attention. The sponsor might be able to propose some other acceptable method of active followup of each patient; I would be glad to discuss approaches with them before they resubmit a revised plan.

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Orphan Medical, Inc. Attention: Dayton Reardan, Ph.D. 13911 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305 SEP 2 2 1997

Dear Dr. Reardan:

Please refer to your pending May 6, 1997 new drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sucraid™ (sacrosidase) Oral Solution.

We also refer to your amendments dated June 16, July 1, July 18, August 20, and September 11 1997.

To complete our review of the chemistry, manufacturing and controls section of your submission, we request the following information:

### I. Regarding Drug Substance:

A. <u>Description and Characterization:</u>

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We would appreciate your prompt written response so we can continue our evaluation of your NDA.

If you have any questions, please contact Melodi McNeil, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 443-0483.

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Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Duffy, Ph.D.

Chemistry Team Leader

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation

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Dear Dr. Reardan:

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To continue our review of the microbiology section of your submission, we request that you

We would appreciate your prompt written response so we can continue our evaluation of your NDA.

If you have any questions, please contact Melodi McNeil, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 443-0483.

Sincerely yours,

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We also refer to your amendment dated June 16, 1997.

To continue our review of the chemistry, manufacturing, and controls section of your submission, we have the following requests:

Please submit an executed batch record.

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- 2. Completely describe and provide the validation report for the
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We would appreciate your prompt written response so we can continue our evaluation of your NDA.

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Orphan Medical, Inc.

Attention: Dayton T. Reardan, Ph.D. 13911 Ridgedale Drive, Suite 475 Minnetonka, MN 55305

Dear Dr. Reardan:

We have received your new drug application (NDA) submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the following:

Name of Drug Product: Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution

Therapeutic Classification: Priority

Date of Application: May 6, 1997

Date of Receipt: May 7, 1997

Our Reference Number: 20-772

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Unless we notify you within 60 days of our receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, this application will be filed under section 505(b) of the Act on July 6, 1997 in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

If you have any questions concerning this NDA, please contact me at (301) 443-0483.

Please cite the NDA number listed above at the top of the first page of any communications concerning this application.

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Sincerely yours,

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Melodi McNeil Regulatory Health Project Manager Division of Gastrointestinal and

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### MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

DATE: June 27, 1997

APPLICATION NUMBER: NDA 20-772; Sucraid (sacrosidase) Oral Solution

BETWEEN:

Name: Dayton Reardan, Ph.D., Regulatory Affairs

Phone: (612) 513-6969

Representing: Orphan Medical, Inc.

AND

Name: Melodi McNeil, Project Manager

Division of Gastrointestinal and Coagulation Drug Products, HFD-180

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SUBJECT: Facilities Ready for Inspection

BACKGROUND: NDA 20-772 was submitted May 6, 1997 and provides for Sucraid Oral Solution in the treatment of confirmed or suspected congenital sucrase-isomaltase deficiency (CSID).

TODAY'S PHONE CALL: In response to my question, Dr. Reardan confirmed that each manufacturing facility cited in the NDA

The call was concluded.

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Melodi McNeil, Project Manager
Regulatory Health Project Manager

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(Complete for all original applications and all efficacy supplements)

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2. PEDIATRIC LABELING IS ADEQUATE FOR <u>CERTAIN</u> AGE GROUPS. Appropriate information has been submitted in this or previous applications and has been adequately summarized in the labeling to permit satisfactory labeling for certain pediatric age groups (e.g., infants, children, and adolescents but not neonates). Further information is not required.
4. PEDIATRIC STUDIES ARE NOT NEEDED. The drug/biologic product has little potential for use in pediatric patients. Attach memo explaining why pediatric studies are not needed.
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6. If none of the above apply, attach an explanation, as necessary.
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FOR QUESTIONS ON COMPLETING THIS FORM CONTACT, KHYATI ROBERTS, HFD-6 (ROBERTSK)

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SUBJECT:

NDA 20-772, SUCRAIDTM (sacrosidase) ORAL SOLUTION, Environmental Assessment Claim for Categorical

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Dear Dr. Talarico:

In light of the new regulations published in the July 29, 1997 Federal Register and promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act, we respectfully request withdrawal of the Environmental Assessment submitted in the May 6, 1997 original submission of the above referenced New Drug Application.

The requested action, approval of NDA 20-772, qualifies for a categorical exclusion from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment under 21 CFR 25.31(b). To Orphan Medical's knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist that would warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Please contact me at (612)513-6969 if any further information is required.

Sincerely yours,

Dayton Reardan, PhD, RAC

Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

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